chief Controllers have addressed the DRDO scientists and media on significant achievements of DRDO. The scientists, in general, have left behind the criticism and are working and achieving the objectives with remarkable vigours. In addition, Secretary, Defence Research & Development and Chief Controllers have appeared on TV Channels to put forth the ground reality.

Persons registered in J&K under NREGS

*333. CHOWDHARY MOHAMMAD ASLAM: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons registered upto 31st December, 2006 in J&K, district-wise, under National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme;

(b) the number, out of them who were given employment upto 31st December, 2006, district-wise, with the actual number of days for which employment was given on average, and the daily wages paid to each worker for the period from 2nd February to 31st December, 2006;

(c) the extent of funds given by the Central Government for the purpose;

(d) the extent to which those funds were utilized; and

(e) whether the unutilized funds would be carried over to the next year and if not, whether they would lapse?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) to (d) the requisite details are given in the table below. Under Section 6 of the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, the workers are entitled to be paid the minimum wages for agricultural labourers prevailing in the state. Details of actual wages paid to the individuals are maintained at the field level in the districts. Individual wise data of wages paid is not maintained by the Ministry.

(e) Yes, Sir. The unutilized funds would be carried over to the next year.

Table (Referred above)

Sl. No	Name of the District	No. of households registered upto 31.12.2006 (No. of jobcards issued)	No. of households which demanded employment	No. of households provided employment upto 31.12.2006	Average No. days for which employment has been provided (per household)	Funds released by the Central Govt. upto 31.12.06 (in lakhs)	Expenditure incurred Upto 31.12.06 (in lakhs)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	Doda	85400	26030	26030	32	2369.41	974.46
2.	Kupwara	49782	26700	26700	03	238.81	67.68
3.	Poonch	27549	6578	6578	25	319.29	174.87

Self-employed women in country

†*334. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total population of women in the country as per the census carried out during the year 2001 and the details of self-employed women, among them;

(b) whether employment opportunities for women have incresed during the last three years; and

(c) if so, by how much?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) The total population of women in the country as per the Census, 2001 is 496,453,556. The Office of the Registrar General of India does not maintain the Census Data on self-employed women in the country. However, the number of self-employed women as per 61st Round of National Sample Survey on Employment and Unemployment Situation in India, 2004-05, is 90.95 million.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.